

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, ensuring the mental health of our children is essential to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, children and adolescents can suffer various mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, inappropriate behavior, and eating and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, which can lead to poor academic performance, alcohol or other drug abuse, family conflict, violence, or even suicide; and

WHEREAS, many young people who would benefit from mental health services are not receiving the help they need; and

WHEREAS, learning to recognize the early warning signs of mental health problems and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment gives children and adolescents better opportunities to lead full and productive lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1 – 7, 2005, as

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the mental health needs of the children of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA